

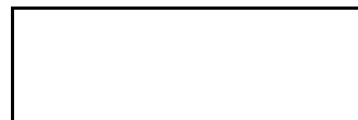
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DD/I (Planning)

SUBJECT : USIB-D-34.4/2, Subject: Scientific and
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Report to the President by the President's
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Comment on Section 8, page 20:

CIA's independent capability in scientific and technical intelligence relating to military matters is of the utmost importance to this office in preparing and coordinating national estimates. The Air and Naval Weapons Branch of OSI may be more dispensable in this connection than, for example, those elements in the Agency dealing with nuclear weapons or guided missiles. Nevertheless, to eliminate this branch would destroy CIA's claim to an independent capability in the matters under its cognizance, and would deprive ONE of some useful support in dealing with representatives of the armed services.



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